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SUBJECT: DCM/POLITICAL COUNSELORS' CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 067255, (B) USNATO 1505

1. IN MARCH WE RECOMMENDED HOLDING ANOTHER DCM/POLITICAL COUNSELOR CONFERENCE AT USNATO (REF B). THE DEPARTMENT AGREED (REF A), SUGGESTING IT BE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF SUMMER PERSONNEL SHIFTS.

2. WE AGREE THAT SCHEDULING THE CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER FOLLOWING SUMMER PERSONNEL CHANGES WOULD ENHANCE THE USEFULNESS OF THE CONFERENCE AND BELIEVE IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO SET A DATE, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE SCHEDULING PRESSURES ON POSSIBLE SENIOR-LEVEL WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS. PAST
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EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS THAT 2 TO 2-1/2 DAYS ARE REQUIRED TO COVER THE SUBJECT MATTER, AND WE PROPOSE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22-23. PARTICIPANTS COULD CONTINUE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON SATURDAY SHOULD THEY DESIRE.

3. WE HOPE ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST WILL BE ABLE TO CHAIR THE CONFERENCE AND THAT OTHER SENIOR WASHINGTON OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY FROM DOD, WILL ALSO ATTEND. IF MR. VEST IS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT, WE WOULD URGE THAT AN EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY PLAN TO ATTEND.

4. WE FORESEE PARTICIPATION BY DCMS AND POLITICAL COUNSELORS FROM NATO COUNTRIES AND FROM SEVERAL OTHER EMBASSIES IN EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE, AS WELL AS POLADS FROM THE COMMANDS IN EUROPE. THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD, AS BEFORE, AT USNATO, WITH THE COOPERATION OF EMBASSY BRUSSELS, USEC AND US OECD. WE HAVE HELD INFORMAL TALKS WITH EMBASSY BRUSSELS AND USEC, WHICH ARE PREPARED TO BE OF ALL POSSIBLE HELP.

5. WE BELIEVE THE CONFERENCE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON POLICY ISSUES RATHER THAN ON ISSUES OF A NATIONAL OR STRICTLY FUNCTIONAL CHARACTER. OUR PROPOSED AGENDA FOLLOWS:

--- (A) THE PRESIDENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES;

--- (B) THE INITIATIVES STEMMING FROM THE LONDON NATO SUMMIT: LONG- AND SHORT-TERM DEFENSE MEASURES, STANDARDIZATION AND EAST-WEST STUDY;

--- (C) IMPLICATIONS OF EC ENLARGEMENT ON US ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SECURITY OBJECTIVES IN EUROPE AS A WHOLE AND THE SOUTHERN REGION IN PARTICULAR;

--- (D) ARMS CONTROL, INCLUDING ALSO CONVENTIONAL ARMS SALES LIMITATION POLICY;
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--- (E) ALLIANCE NUCLEAR RELATIONS, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATION OBJECTIVES IN BOTH WEAPONS (E.G. SALT II) AND CIVIL USES AREAS (FOCUSING ON INFCEP AND NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES);

--- (F) OUTLOOK FOR ALLIANCE DEFENSE SPENDING EFFORTS AND TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS IN LIGHT OF EXPECTED MEDIUM-TERM ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IN EUROPE AND CANADA;

--- (G) EAST-WEST RELATIONS: IMPLICATIONS FOR DETENTE AND US RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPE;

--- (H) EUROCOMMUNISM; POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE AND US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS OF COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN WESTERN GOVERNMENTS (FOCUS ON ITALY AND FRANCE);

--- (I) STATUS AND OUTLOOK FOR ALLIED CONSULTATIONS WITH FOCUS ON WAYS TO IMPROVE, US-EUROPEAN CONSULTATIVE PROCESS AND DIALOGUE REGARDING: 1) SOUTHERN AFRICA, (2) MIDDLE EAST, (3) UN ISSUES, (4) NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS, (5) EAST-WEST RELATIONS (INCLUDING CSCE, ECONOMIC RELATIONS, ETC.);

--- (J) PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
INCREASED TRILATERALISM (NORTH AMERICA-EUROPE-JAPAN).
6. WE WOULD WELCOME WASHINGTON VIEWS ON THE ABOVE PRO-
POSED OUTLINE. IN OUR VIEW, EACH OF THE BROAD POLICY
ISSUES WOULD BE ADDRESSED INITIALLY BY A PANEL INCLUDING
A CHAIRMAN AND TWO OR THREE RESPONDENTS. WE WISH TO
ENCOURAGE FULL DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE PANEL AND OTHER
ATTENDEES IN A SYMPOSIUM-LIKE ATMOSPHERE. WE ALSO PLAN
TO LEAVE TIME AT THE END OF THE CONFERENCE TO COVER, IF
NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED, A NUMBER OF MAJOR NATIONALLY
FOCUSED ISSUES SUCH AS DEVELOPMENTS IN SPAIN AND FRANCE,
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AND ANTICIPATE CALLING ON THE DCM OR POLITICAL COUNSELOR
FROM THE RELEVANT COUNTRY TO PRESENT A PRELIMINARY ANALY-

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SIS OF THE SITUATION IN HIS HOST COUNTRY.

7. ON FUNDING, EACH FIELD POST WOULD BE EXPECTED AGAIN
TO FUND THE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM OF ITS PARTICIPANTS.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS REGARDING TIMING,
AND POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY OF WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS, AND
THE POLICY ISSUES WE PROPOSE BE ADDRESSED. BENNETT

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